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Sir:

I, Giovanni Meazza, declare that I am a named inventor in the above identified application and that I hold a degree in Chemistry from the University of Milan (Italy).

The compounds listed below have been synthesized and tested under my direction. The tests were carried out to determine the pre-emergence and post-emergence herbicidal properties of the compounds. The tests were carried out according to the procedures of Example 31 (pre-emergence) and 32 (post-emergence) of the above identified application, against the following weeds:

Abutilon theophrasti (AT): post
Amaranthus retroflexus (AR): pre
Chenopodium album (CA): pre/post
Galium aparine (GA) : pre/post
Ipomea purpurea (IP): pre
Portulaca oleracea (PO): pre/post
Solanum nigrum (SN): pre/post
Stellaria media (SM): pre/post

The results are reported in Table 1 (pre-emergence) and Table 2 (post-emergence) and are expressed with the following range of values measured as % of herbicidal activity:

0 = 0-10; 1 = 11-30; 2 = 31-50; 3 = 51-70; 4 = 71-90; 5 > 91-100;
 - = not tested.

Table 1. Pre-emergence herbicidal activity at 500 g/ha.

Plant species:	AT	AR	CA	GA	IP	PO	SN	SM
Compound N° 3:	5	-	5	-	5	5	5	-
Compound N° 4:	5	-	5	-	5	5	5	-
Compound N° 5:	5	-	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N° 6:	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Compound N° 7:	5	5	5	-	-	5	5	5
Compound N° 8:	5	5	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N° 9:	5	5	5	-	5	5	5	5
Compound N° 10:	5	-	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N° 11:	5	-	5	-	5	5	-	-

Continuation of Table 1.

Plant species:	AT	AR	CA	GA	IP	PO	SN	SM
Compound N° 12:	5	5	5	-	5	5	5	-
Compound N° 13:	5	-	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N° 22:	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Compound N° 27:	5	5	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N° 37:	5	5	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N°152:	5	-	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N°400:	5	5	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N°460:	5	-	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N°515:	5	-	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N°616:	5	5	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N°650:	5	-	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N°970:	5	-	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N°973:	5	5	5	-	5	5	5	-
Compound N°975:	5	-	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N°1111:	5	5	5	-	5	5	5	-
Compound N°1242:	5	-	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N°1336:	5	5	5	-	5	5	5	-
Compound N°1342:	5	-	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N°1474:	5	5	5	-	5	5	5	5
Compound N°2077:	5	5	5	-	5	5	5	-

Continuation of Table 1.

Plant species:	AT	AR	CA	GA	IP	PO	SN	SM
Compound N°2200:	5	5	5	-	5	5	5	5
Compound N°2201:	5	-	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N°2425:	5	5	5	-	5	5	5	-
Compound N°2918:	5	-	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N°2920:	4	-	4	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N°2921:	5	5	5	-	5	5	-	-
Compound N°2922:	5	5	5	-	5	5	5	-
Compound N°2923:	5	5	5	-	5	5	5	-

Table 2. Post-emergence herbicidal activity at 500 g/ha.

Plant species:	AT	CA	GA	PO	SN	SM
Compound N° 3:	5	-	5	-	5	-
Compound N° 4:	5	-	5	-	5	-
Compound N° 5:	5	-	5	5	5	-
Compound N° 6:	5	5	5	5	5	5
Compound N° 7:	5	5	5	5	-	5
Compound N° 8:	5	5	5	-	5	5
Compound N° 9:	5	5	5	-	5	5

Continuation of Table 2.

Plant species:	AT	CA	GA	PO	SN	SM
Compound N° 10:	5	-	5	-	5	5
Compound N° 11:	5	5	-	-	5	-
Compound N° 12:	5	5	5	5	5	5
Compound N° 13:	5	-	5	-	5	5
Compound N° 22:	5	5	5	5	5	5
Compound N° 27:	5	5	5	-	5	5
Compound N° 37:	5	5	5	-	5	5
Compound N° 152:	5	-	5	-	5	5
Compound N° 400:	5	5	5	-	5	5
Compound N° 460:	5	-	5	-	5	5
Compound N° 515:	5	-	5	-	5	5
Compound N° 616:	5	5	5	5	5	5
Compound N° 650:	5	-	5	-	5	5
Compound N° 970:	5	-	5	-	5	5
Compound N° 973:	5	5	5	5	5	5
Compound N° 975:	5	-	5	-	5	-
Compound N°1111:	5	5	5	5	5	5
Compound N°1242:	5	-	5	-	5	5
Compound N°1336:	5	5	5	5	5	-
Compound N°1342:	5	-	5	5	5	5
Compound N°1474:	5	5	5	5	5	5

Continuation of Table 2.

Plant species:	AT	CA	GA	PO	SN	SM
Compound N°2077:	5	-	5	-	5	-
Compound N°2200:	5	5	5	5	5	5
Compound N°2201:	5	-	5	-	5	5
Compound N°2425:	5	5	5	-	5	5
Compound N°2918:	5	5	5	-	5	5
Compound N°2920:	4	3	4	4	3	3
Compound N°2921:	5	5	5	5	5	5
Compound N°2922:	5	5	5	5	5	5
Compound N°2923:	5	-	5	-	5	5

The compounds tested were:

Compound N° 3: 2-(5-*tert*-butyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(cyclopropyl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 4: 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclopropyl-2-(2-methyl-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 5: 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclopropyl-2-(1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 6: 1-[2-chloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-cyclopropyl-2-(2-methyl-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 7: 1-[2-chloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-cyclopropyl-2-(1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 8: 1-[4-chloro-2-nitrophenyl]-3-cyclopropyl-2-(1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 9: 3-cyclopropyl-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-2-nitrophenyl]-2-(2-methyl-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 10: 1-[2-chloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-cyclopropyl-2-(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 11: 1-[2-chloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-cyclopropyl-2-(3-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 12: 1-[4-chloro-2-nitrophenyl]-3-cyclopropyl-2-(3-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 13: 1-[2-chloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-cyclopropyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 22: 3-cyclopropyl-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-2-nitrophenyl]-2-(3-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 27: 3-cyclopropyl-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-2-nitrophenyl]-2-(3-trifluoromethyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 37: 3-cyclopropyl-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-2-nitrophenyl]-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 152: 3-cyclopropyl-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-2-nitrophenyl]-2-(3-methyl-1,2,4-thiadiazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 400: 1-[2-chloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-cyclopropyl-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 460: 1-[2-chloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-cyclopropyl-2-(1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 515: 1-[2-chloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-cyclopropyl-2-(3-methyl-1,2,4-thiadiazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 616: 1-[2-chloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 650: 1-[2-chloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-cyclopropyl-2-(pyrimidin-4-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 970: 1-[2-chloro-4-nitrophenyl]-3-cyclopropyl-2-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 973: 1-[4-chloro-2-nitrophenyl]-3-cyclopropyl-2-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 975: 3-cyclopropyl-1-[2,4-dinitrophenyl]-2-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 1111: 3-cyclopropyl-1-[2-(methylsulfonyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-(3-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 1242: 1-[2-(methylsulfonyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-(3-methyl-1,2,4-thiadiazol-5-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 1336: 3-cyclopropyl-1-[2-(methylsulfonyl)-4-trifluoromethylphenyl]-2-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 1342: 1-[2-(methylsulfonyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 1474: 1-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl]-3-cyclopropyl-2-(3-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 2077: 3-cyclopropyl-1-(2,4-dimethylthiazol-5-yl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N° 2200: 3-cyclopropyl-1-[3-(4,5-dihydroisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2-(3-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N°2201: 1-[3-(4,5-dihydroisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2-(3-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N°2425: 3-cyclopropyl-1-[3-(4,5-dihydroisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methyl-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2-(2-methyltetrazol-5-yl)

Compound N°2918: 1-[2-chloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-cyclopropyl-2-(5-trifluoromethyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N°2920: 2-(*tert*-butyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N°2921: 3-cyclopropyl-2-(2-methyltetrazol-5-yl)-1-(2-methyl-6-trifluoromethylpyridin-3-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N°2922: 3-cyclopropyl-1-(2-methoxyethoxymethyl-6-trifluoromethylpyridin-3-yl)-2-(2-methyltetrazol-5-yl)propane-1,3-dione;

Compound N°2923: 1-[2-chloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-cyclopropyl-2-(2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propane-1,3-dione.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and of any patent issued thereon.

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